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Actual results obtained provide a comparative resolution of an average of 25 feet on a side for Satellite photography to an average of 3 feet on a side for U-2 photography. Satellite photography only provides the broad strategic picture not the detailed tactical or technical type coverage desired.

South China, Hainan, and North Viet Nam photographic reconnaissance requirements can be accomplished by U-2 aircraft in one successful sortie providing weather does not interfere, however, past climatological experience would indicate two to three sorties to obtain the required coverage.

STAT  coverage of known requirements in China will require approximately fourteen successful sorties again dependent upon weather.